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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An acylated cellobiose according to claim 1 wherein the R residue is linear.

7. (Amended) An acylated cellobiose according to claim 1 wherein each R residue is the same.

8. (Amended) An acylated cellobiose according to claim 1 wherein each X represents an R-CO- group.